



ABENAKI NEWS



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"Semper Vigilans!"

SPRING 2015

WING CALENDAR

Lesley M. Lara
Wing Administrator

APRIL

- 10-12 MA Wing Conference**
- 11 Honor Guard training**
- 15 Commander's Call 1800**
- 16 CON Aero Guidace**
- 25 Encampment Staff Tng.**

MAY

- 1-3 SAREX Whitefield begins**
- 12 noon on Friday**
- 16-17 SAREX backup date**
- 15-16 NER/PA Conference**
- 20 Commander's Call 1800**

JUNE

- 13-14 Compliance Inspection**
- 15 Abenaki News deadline**
- 17 Commander's Call**

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Col. Robert W. Shaw, NH Wing Commander

New Hampshire Wing Members, it's just over 6 months since the Change of Command and I have gotten my bearings. It has taken a bit of time to get things set up to manage the wing. The command structure and staff organization had to be adjusted to accommodate the schedules of those assuming the positions. This is a volunteer organization and many of our members have other responsibilities beyond CAP. At this time with the release of the March Personnel Authorization and Wing Organization Chart I believe we are organized to move the wing forward efficiently and to continue the high standards from which I assumed command.

Command has come with many challenges from within the wing, the region and national headquarters. We will always be a work in progress as we are an organization that demands flexibility. Thus the term "Semper Gumby".

There are many things on our horizon with our upcoming May Whitefield Sarex in which NH Fish & Game will be participating. Our summer encampment is being planned and it will include our Basic Encampment, Non Commissioned Officer School and Honor Guard Academy. In August we will be sending 5 cadets and 2 senior Member Escorts to the UK as we continue our exchange program with the UK. We will also be hosting the International Air Cadet Exchange for at least the 26th year. National asked us if we would do it again based on the success we have had with hosting. You might be interested to know that out of the 52 wings only 9 wings participate in this important program of international outreach and exchange.

NHWG has been selected as 1 of 2 NER Regional Coordination Centers for major disaster events like Hurricane Sandy. Your wing Emergency Service personnel are actively training and working to support our command center but also having command teams ready to dispatch to other command centers to relieve the onsite personnel.

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AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

MITCHELL AWARD

Justin Snyder	Seacoast
Evan Hultstrom	Seacoast
Michael Zinck	Concord
Justin St. Germain	Concord

CONCORD SQUADRON

Peter Houle	C/CMSgt
Bradley Rosenmund	C/CMSgt
Olivia Ceresa	C/SMSgt
Savana Clemons	C/SMSgt
David Hurd	C/SMSgt
Jonathan Hurd	C/SMSgt
Maureen Milligan	C/SMSgt
Nathan Strysko	C/SMSgt
Warren Quinlan	C/MSgt
Elijah Stringer	C/MSgt
Kira Wood	C/MSgt
Caleb Planchet	C/TSgt
Joy Planchet	C/TSgt
Zachary Burns	C/SrA
Kyle Casey	C/SrA
Chayton O'Brien	C/SrA
Peter Donovan	C/A1C
Adam Harlow	C/A1C
Emilee Harlow	C/A1C
Joshua Hartt	C/A1C
Noah Ruff	C/A1C

GREATER NASHUA SQUADRON

Tyler Lane	C/2Lt
Ryan Santoro	C/2Lt
Elizabeth Saucier	C/2Lt
Alec Watson	C/CMSgt
Jeremy Ralls	C/SMSgt
Matthew Watrous	C/SMSgt
Peter Mulvey	C/MSgt
Chance Lavoie	C/MSgt
Preston Tang	C/MSgt
Matthew Ladd	C/TSgt
Blais Notter	C/TSgt
Pedro Guerra	C/SSgt
Andrew Crusan	C/SSgt
Paul Bishop	C/A1C
Connor Hodgkins	C/A1C
Anthony Simao	C/A1C
Mark Case	C/Amn
Paul Macallister	C/Amn
Dennet Sidell	C/Amn

HIGHLANDERS SQUADRON

Christopher Cashman	C/Lt Col
Colby Beckwith	C/1Lt
Logan Beckwith	C/CMSgt
Steven Mitchell	C/MSgt
Nils Jobe	C/TSgt
Valerie Mitchell	C/SSgt

MONADNOCK SQUADRON

Ethan Ahern	C/SMSgt
Jacob Sanchez	C/MSgt
Caleb Somero	C/SSgt
Connor Ahern	C/SrA
Mariah Stebbins	C/SrA
Taylor Hennem	C/Amn

SEACOAST SQUADRON

Justin Snyder	C/2Lt
Evan Hultstrom	C/2Lt
Danielle Brackett	C/CMSgt
Nicholas Lauer	C/SMSgt
Katelen Van Aken	C/TSgt
Adeline Nicholson	C/TSgt
Adam Crampsey	C/SSgt
Brennan Van Aken	C/SSgt
Acadia Snow-Brine	C/SrA
Zachary Marcoux	C/SrA
Michael Van Aken	C/SrA
David Brackett	C/SrA
Christopher Furmanick	C/A1C
Seth Cornell	C/A1C
Henry Wierda	C/A1C
Michael Van Aken	C/A1C

SENIOR MEMBER PROMOTIONS

Dana Moss	Major
Sterling Ratzlaff	1 st Lt
Bill Brown	2 nd Lt
David Carter	2 nd Lt



SQUADRON NEWS
Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Cadet 2nd Lt. Michael Zinck has taken over as Cadet Commander of the squadron and the cadet staff has been rearranged at his direction. The new group of 12 basic cadets completed their first achievement and were assigned to individual flights. The first meeting in March was Safety Focus Day. All members present reviewed flight line and aircraft operations safety, personal safety and use of Risk Management strategies. An Open House was held on March 12. Over 45 visitors and families viewed the displays and presentations. Mitchell awards were presented as well as other promotions during the event.



Cadet Justin St. Germain with Mitchell Award

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

The squadron has begun a long term project to construct an airport model complete with runways, taxiways, ramps, terminal, fuel cabinet and pumps, VASI approach slope indicator and working runway lights.

A recent fun evening after PT testing and a basketball game, was spent at The Works swimming pool. At the March TRAINEX a group of cadets received training on new Direction Finding equipment to locate signals from Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs). Cadets Jobe, Lachance, Lavoie and Pierog attended along with Maj. Barrington and Lt. Brush.



Highlanders cadets practice using DF equipment

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Lt. Col. Josh McGary has taken over as squadron commander. A formal change of command ceremony is planned for the near future. Maj. Moss brought some sabers to a recent meeting so that the cadets could see them and try showing what can be done with them.



Lebanon Cadets with Maj. Moss' sabers

MANCHESTER COMPOSITE SQUADRON

After 15+ years meeting at the Naval Reserve Center in Manchester the squadron has found a new home at The Founder's Academy a public charter school, on Perimeter Rd., in Manchester. This will hopefully be a permanent home where they will have use of classrooms, meeting space, communications, storage rooms and an office area. With this partnership the squadron hopes to enhance the student experience at the academy as well as grow the squadron.

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Cadet Mariah Stebbins a recent graduate of the winter encampment at Ft. Devens, MA discussed her experiences in CAP on WKBK 1290 in Keene. Cadets Somero and Sanchez graduated from the winter NCOA. Cadet Ethan Hughes received the Air Force Association Award. First flight

certificates were awarded to cadets Johnson, Hennum, Knowles and Blanchette. Cadet Commander Solomonides has been selected to attend West Point. Way to go, Andrew!! He will begin training in June. STEM activity focused on construction and science behind radio receivers. Cadets learned how to solder resistors and capacitors onto circuit boards. They then were able to tune in to local radio stations. Upcoming events include an astronomy night, open house and bivouac along with more powered and glider flights. Next STEM endeavor will be robotics.



Monadnock cadets work on soldering radio receivers

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Even with the chilly winter we have been having the members of Seacoast have been able to continue to work on their firearms training with the Exeter Sportsman's Club. An ES training bivouac was held in Epping the first weekend of March under direction of Capt. Grantham. An Open House is being planned for Thursday, April 2nd at the DES building at the tradeport. A fund-raiser car wash will be held at the Sunoco station in Exeter on April 11th. In conjunction with the April Awards and Promotions night the squadron hopes to recognize the remaining three honorees/families of the Congressional Gold Medal award. Seacoast had seven members attend the wing ceremony in Manchester at the Aviation Museum. Congratulations to Cadet Marcoux who received the Barbara James Service Award for over 120 hours of community service. He also took third place in the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) EMT competition for the State of New Hampshire. Eleven cadets and a number of senior members will visit Pratt and Whitney's aircraft engine plant in So. Berwick, ME on March 28th. Senior members Amato-Wierda, Bishevsky-Weeks and Furmanick have completed Level One. Second Lt. Michelle Wegner received the Yeager Award. An Open House is planned for April 2nd.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY

In spite of the blustery winter weather over 100 awardees, family and friends attended the NH Wing ceremony to honor those who served in CAP during World War II. Of the 13 awardees, three living veteran members and four families of those who served were recognized at a ceremony held at the

Aviation Museum of NH in Manchester on January 31, 2015. Dignitaries attending were: Senator Shaheen, Rep. Guinta, Governor Hassan, Col. Laurie Farris NHANG-DO. Representatives from Senator Ayotte’s and Rep. Kuster’s offices were also on hand to congratulate the recipients and their families. Each awardee or their family received a replica of the Congressional Gold Medal that was given to CAP at a ceremony in Washington, DC back in December. The remaining members or families of those in NH who have passed away will be recognized in local events at a later date. At the close of the ceremony a Civil Air Patrol display was unveiled which has become a permanent part of the museum. It was a great day for both NH-CAP and the Aviation Museum. Senator Shaheen mentioned that it was her first visit to this unique display of aviation history in NH. If you have not been there be sure to go. It has fantastic displays from the early days of aviation in NH.

NOTE FROM OUR HISTORIAN

Wing historian Maj. Robert Karsten would especially like to thank those whose assistance helped to make and set up the CAP display that is now a permanent part of the museum. They are Col. Bill Moran, LTC Paul Kelly and LTC Darin Ninness. The wing’s squadrons will have a chance to add their information to the display on a rotating basis so that the display will be kept fresh. Plans are also in the works for a rotating footlocker that can be used for recruiting events non-CAP groups and other events where the public will be present. If your squadron has a historian please get their contact information to Maj. Karsten at: gოსlinguy1@gmail.com or 603-680-1418.



CAP DISPLAY AT THE AVIATION MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Alfred Speckman of Exeter with his daughter and Sen. Shaheen, Rep. Guinta and Gov. Hassan



Sally Stockwell with her daughter holding her letter from Rep. Guinta



Col. Rita Carter of Keene holding her Gold Medal

Commander's Corner continued

NHWG is recognized for the professional way we do things and the investment we have made in our personnel and infrastructure.

We are currently involved in the NHWG Compliance Inspection. This is something that we get graded on every 4 years and our inspection will be in June, but we must submit our compliance documentation by mid April. So the Wing Staff is working very hard to be sure we do our best.

I thank all of you for what you do and the time you give to this service to our communities, State and Nation.

Robert W. Shaw
NH Wing Commander

